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SECRETLY MARRIED.

Then Entered Hardin College—Announces Marriage.

Monroe City, Mo., Dec. 7.—The secret marriage of last July of James H. Whitecotton, Jr., son of the former Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives, to Miss Florence Deaver, a student at Hardin College, at Mexico, Mo., was announced here today.

The wedding was solemnized at Kansas City without the knowledge of the relatives of either the bride or bridegroom.

Mrs. Whitecotton kept the secret as long as any girl is expected to withhold such information, then informed her college friends. She sent a letter to her relatives at Monroe City simultaneously, announcing her marriage.

Mrs. Whitecotton will return home during the holidays and with her husband will begin arrangements for housekeeping. Her husband has been a student in college at Fayette since the wedding.

A HAIL FELLOW.

The Auxvasse Review Comments as follows:

M. L. Fred English, of Rush Hill, came in Tuesday on a visit to old friends and relatives. He is just as jovial as ever and is a hail fellow well met anywhere and everywhere. He said he came over to give us a jaw fest and he did it most accomplishedly, but we rather enjoyed it and do not feel any worse for the roast he gave us. He is an old bachelor and gives us a reason for him being in this wretched state, that he promised his old mother, who has passed over the river, that he would not marry while she lived and he kept the promise, until now marrying never enters his head.

ROBS CASH DRAWER.

E. B. Norris, secretary of the Farmers & Laborers Insurance Co., lost the contents of his money drawer last Thursday at noon. He had John Crowley, colored, engaged in carrying some coal up the stairway. Mr. Norris stepping out of the office a few minutes, Crowley went to the safe and helped himself, getting something like \$30. The money was not missed for several hours. The matter was reported to the officers and soon City Marshall Brown and Constable Barnett had Crowley rounded up. He confessed the theft, but had already spent about all the money for new clothing—getting ready for cold weather.

COUNTY COLLECTOR PULIS.

The Centralia Courier said last week:

"Audrain's new collector, Alec Pulis, was in town Monday arranging for a public sale in order to move to Mexico. He will take charge of the Collector's office about March 1st. Mr. Pulis says that he will not appoint a deputy, but do this work himself. His friends are counting on him making as good a collector as Tom Roden, and that's good as best."

HAWTHORNE HAS CHARGE.

Hon. Champ Clark has appointed L. B. Hawthorne superintendent of the Mexico schools, to take charge of the competitive examination to be held here December 1st for one cadet and two, alternate to West Point.

Clark wrote Prof. Hawthorne that it is not necessary to have a competitive examination to select a cadet, but he has to give every boy in the district an equal chance, rich or poor.

Mr. Clark continued:

"I was a poor boy myself and would have walked from Washington to Mexico to have had a chance to stand such an examination for West Point, but at that time Congressmen nearly always appointed some favorite. The recollection of my own poverty impels me to have competitive examinations."

MRS. WOODSON'S CHICKENS

The Lees Sell Their Dairy Interests—Don't Burn The Corn Stalks.

J. H. Dillard bought a Jersey cow of Mr. Whitcomb for \$25.

Isaac Dyer butchered three pigs recently, aged eight months and eight days that dressed 235 pounds each. Pretty good porkers, eh?

W. A. Willingham, south of Mexico, bought a bull and heifer, Jerseys, thoroughbreds, at Sappington's sale in Centralia. Mr. Willingham is sure getting stocked up with some fine Jersey cattle.

H. P. Warden, east of town, is finishing up some fall plowing—he has 100 acres ready for next spring planting.

The Journal of Agriculture: Audrain County, Mo., is still keeping up its record of topping the cattle market every week. Monday we sold three cars of steers, fed and shipped by R. P. Brown; one car choice heavy steers at \$6.75, averaging 1,517 lbs., brought the extreme top. They were black Muleys and Herefords. Two cars of short-horns averaging 1,540 lbs. at \$6.65, brought the next best price for the day. The condition all these cattle were in reflects great credit to Mr. Brown's ability to "make these good."

John Bright, near Centralia, reports a sale of Hereford cattle for next August delivery at \$7.50. G. N. Ackerman was the purchaser. The steers have been fed 6 months and will weigh 1500 when delivered.

Oscar Lewis and his father, Judge J. A. Lewis, has a drove of big fat hogs which will be ready for the market next month. The Messrs. Lewis will put a drove of cattle on feed about the first of January.

Farmers who burn corn stalks and other refuse are being taught that they are simply wasting and destroying very valuable fertilizers. American farmers should produce twice their present crops with intelligent cultivation, says an expert.

David Fouser, the saw-mill man south of Farber, hands us a dollar for the Message. Mr. Fouser lives in a section where they grow big corn—tall stalks and heavy ears. His son had a sample at the Vandalia Corn Carnival that "Just beat anything."

Auxvasse Review: This week W. F. Woodson bought 200 young roosters and 67 ducks from Mrs. Ira Dow, of the Buff Wyandotte variety, for \$136. Don't tell us Mrs. Dow won't have Christmas money on the strength of such a sale as that.

The large dairy farm and Holstein herd of J. W. Lee & Sons, of Mexico, were sold to I. T. Van Note of Columbia, who has gained fame as a dairy man by being the keeper of the famous champion milk giver, Missouri Chief Josephine.

J. R. Bell sold to J. C. Mundy two calves for \$50. L. S. Woody sold to the same party six calves.

White & Son have completed a fine new grocery store building just across the street south from the Shoe Factory. They will also conduct a meat market in connection with the store.

Morrison Lackland has brought suit against the Wabash railroad for \$59.32 damages for killing a steer in transit.

C. H. Dunlap last Monday traded 57 acres, north of Wm. Woods College, known as the Henry Houf place, to R. E. Cable, of Mexico, for 80 acres, 7 miles east of Mexico, says the Fulton Gazette. Mr. Dunlap placed the value on his place at \$7,500.00 and Mr. Cable holds his place at \$5,250. Possession to both places will be given the first of January, 1911.

R. T. Byars, Wm. Mason, Fred Killersbals and Emma Mundy have been cutting and hauling walnut logs to the market. It is said that many of the best logs sold on the market in this country

are shipped to England and manufactured into furniture.

Joe Pratt has bought back the blacksmithing and horseshoeing shop he formerly owned, east of the Crown Laundry.

C. C. Bybee, out Molino way, had 85 chickens stolen from his chicken house one night last week. That thief better not come back and let C. C. get his eyes on him.

George Brakel, of Laddonia, has bought Bruce Icenogle's blacksmith shop in Benton City. Mr. Icenogle goes to a farm he recently bought in Marion county. Mr. Brakel is a good citizen and he knows the blacksmithing business, too.

SOME CASH; SOME NEWS.

Mrs. A. Henderson renews for the Message.

Ralph Adams pushes up the date of his Message subscription. George Duncan has the thanks of the Message for a renewal favor.

We are glad to enroll Mrs. Delia Kerr as a new Message subscriber.

Thomas Ray, the hustling saw-mill man, is a new Message subscriber.

Russell Spurling, Willard Potts and Judge J. A. Lewis renew for the Message.

E. E. Shay, one of this county's splendid teachers, has our thanks for a renewal favor.

Dr. B. C. McGee, at Sherman Texas, thru a Mexico relative will get the Message as a Christmas present.

Dr. W. T. Dodd, the good doctor who looks after the sick out Gant way, hands us a dollar on subscription.

Ed. Crawford, northeast of Mexico, renews for the Message. Mr. Crawford is building a fine new residence on his farm.

Martin Hildebrand, at Martinsburg, sends us a dollar for renewal of the Message, and adds: "Don't wish to miss a number."

F. D. Parsons, down Benton City way, called on the Message a few days ago and enrolled his name on our big list of subscribers.

Mrs. Henry Bird, Texhoma, Okla., sends us one dollar, and says: "Keep the Message coming. Mexico is my old home town, and I am always glad to get the news from that quarter of the earth."

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Slavons, of Laddonia, visited the family of their son, J. B. Slavons, in Mexico last week. The Slavons are all mighty good fellows. While here Mr. T. H. Slavons called and subscribed for the Message.

Miss Anna Mundy of near Perry has been visiting relatives at Mexico.

Luther Barrieks, of St. Louis, visited his uncle, I. P. Dyer, near Mexico, last week.

J. S. Woodson, of near Bachelor, Callaway county, will move to Laddonia soon.

Mrs. James Carpenter, of Rothville, Mo., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Belle Moore.

L. T. Pasley, of Rush Hill, returned last week from a visit to relatives in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Lydia Renis celebrated her 73rd birthday at her home in this city last Sunday.

Charles Householder is suing the Wabash railroad for \$300 damages to sheep in transit, delayed.

The electric car now runs out to near Champ, south of Mexico. Judge Botts thinks that a nice little town will be built up at Champ after the interurban is completed to Columbia or Fulton.

Mrs. Alex Carter is in a hospital in Chicago where she underwent an operation last week to remove an enlargement of the thyroid gland. The operation, we understand, was very successful. It is hoped the Mrs. Carter will be able to return home in a week or ten days.

FARM SCHOOLS.

The State Grange Will Petition The Legislature.

Palmyra, Mo., Dec. 7.—The State Grangers, in session here today, exemplified the degree work for local Grangers.

Tonight the degree work of the State Grangers will be given.

Resolutions indorsing the work of the State Agriculture Department were adopted; and the legislature will be petitioned to increase the appropriations for the work.

A plan for establishing agricultural schools in each county in the State will be submitted to the Legislature.

The only expense the State would be put to would be to furnish instructors for short courses.

Four Miles Out.

Thru the politeness of Motor-man H. P. Averitt the editor of the Message and City Clerk Wallace Dearing enjoyed an electric car ride over the four miles of the completed road from Mexico southwest. The car pushed two flat cars bearing a large ingot iron culvert, five feet in diameter, to be used in a culvert near Champ.

It is a beautiful agricultural country out that way. We passed farms that have been selling from \$60 to \$100 per acre. The finest line of railroad track we passed over was along the west line of Mrs. Lamertine Lackland's farm.

Superintendent of construction Col. C. F. Stevens accompanied us on our return trip. He had just come in from a walk of five miles over the proposed roadbed on to the southwest. He is a very active man for his age. He now lives on a farm in Jefferson county, Mo., but has traveled in nearly every country and has made two trips around the world. He's built railroads in South America, Cuba and the Philippines.

When the Message asked him what he thought of the country around Mexico he quickly replied: "Oh, it's all right; good for mules, they say. I have seen the Missouri mule in South Africa, the Philippines, Japan and China, and he always stands for the money. Audrain county and the Mexico, Santa Fe & Perry R. R. are sure all right."

Ole Slavons and I. D. Lambert left last week for Southern Texas where they think of locating.

Mrs. Robert Bright, a sister of Charles Holt of this city, died at her home near Hutton one day last week.

Mrs. Josie Musgrove is suing her husband, Walter Musgrove, for divorce. She alleges indignities and non-support.

Alex Seymour, who recently moved from south of Mexico to near Montgomery City, was here on business last week.

Mrs. John Beal has been enjoying a visit from her aunts, Mrs. Mary Griffin, of Fulton, and Mrs. Chris Stewart, of Louisiana.

Mrs. D. A. Murphy is at Albuquerque, N. M., where she was called this week by the death of her sister in that city, Mrs. Timothy Conley.

Mrs. Joanna Bray, a sister of C. M. and G. B. Null of this city, died at her home at Moscow Mills last week. She was 70 years of age.

Mrs. J. E. Martin and Miss Nina Pearson gave an elaborate and delightful reception last Friday to a large gathering of their friends at Mrs. Martin's beautiful home in Waddingham Place.

J. S. McIntyre, formerly of Mexico and who ran for the nomination of Prosecuting Attorney of Audrain several years ago, will spend six months traveling in Europe next year. His wife will accompany him.

CHAMP'S HICKORY GAVEL.

Indian Girl's Elopement — Haunted Mill Dam.

Montgomery City, Mo., Dec. 7.—So sure are Champ Clark's constituents in this Ninth District that he is to become the Speaker of the House that his friends will present him with a unique gavel to call the next Congress to order.

It will be a gavel of hickory and romance.

In 1814 a mill was built on Peno Creek, in Pike County, by Enoch Matson.

A piece of the apron log of the dam was cut out by Mr. Matson and Warren Hatcher a year ago. Out of this the gavel is to be made for Cannon's successor.

This mill was the first built north of the Missouri River, and it is said that the dam is haunted and that no fish will live in the water.

An Indian maiden who lived at the old dam site fell in love with a white man and eloped with him.

This angered the chief, and, gathering his braves, he caught the pair and threw their bodies in the water above the dam.

Since then even the fish have deserted this spot.

A GOOD "MESSAGE."

Our Brother Editors Speak Kindly of Us.

Bowling Green Times: The Mexico Message is eleven years old. Its message to its readers has always been clean—for right as the editor saw it. It is a fine paper and the Times wishes it success.

Farber Forum: The Mexico Message entered upon its twelfth volume last week. The Message is a splendid paper with a large and increasing circulation and has proved its right to live.

Vandalia Mail: The Mexico Message, one of Missouri's brightest and newest papers, has entered upon its twelfth volume. We wish Editor Beal many more successful years.

New Florence Leader: The Mexico Message has entered upon its 12th year of usefulness.

Laddonia Herald: We neglected to mention last week that the Mexico Message had entered upon its 12th year. Bro. Beal gets out a good paper.

Wellsville Star: The Mexico Message has entered upon its twelfth year. The Message is one of our most valued exchanges. John Beal certainly deserves to succeed, and he is, too. Here's hoping the Message will continue to grow and prosper.

Lee Shippey, of the Jeffersonian, Higginsville, Mo., author, poet, philosopher, originator of "Missouri Notes" in the Kansas City Star, in a business note to the Message slips in the following on the side, which we very much appreciate: "I get your good paper regularly and enjoy it. Shortly before election I threw a bouquet at it in 'With Our Neighbors.' After speaking of the brightness and newness of the Message, I remarked that Mexico has three papers edited by well known newspaper men but John Beal seems to be running the best one."

Win. Coatsworth, of this city has enlisted for service in the navy. He goes mainly that he may get the advantage of travel.

Miss Edith Crosby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Crosby, will leave first of the year to attend a school of music in Cincinnati, Ohio.

John Crawley, the negro who is charged with stealing a sum of money from E. B. Norris last week, has been bound over to await the action of the Circuit Court.

Mrs. I. A. Dyer is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. M. E. Barriek, in St. Louis. Before her return home she will visit her sister, Mrs. Ebenezer Shattuck, in Dallas county.

HENRY MOORE DEAD.

Was a Step-son of the Late Mrs. Polly Moore of Mexico.

The following account, taken from the Perry Enterprise, will interest many of our Mexico and Audrain county readers:

Henry Moore was a splendid citizen. Faithful, loyal and devoted to his wife and children, industrious, aggressive, determined—whatever he undertook he put the force of his life behind it. Outspoken, free to express himself at all times, you always knew just where to place him—and if he was your friend you could count on him to the end.

While not a member of any church, he believed in the church. He was a regular attendant and supported it with his money. He was a friend of mine—while we did not see all things alike, and even after I had tried to convince him of his greatest mistake—he grew closer in his relations, and with the eye he expressed appreciation which his lips could not speak.

Henry was the sixth child of David and Malinda Hopkins Moore and was 56 years old the 26th of last May. In the fall of '76, when he was 22 years of age, with Miss Martha J. Clendenin at his side, with right hands clasped and with John A. Brooks as the officiating minister they took the solemn marriage vow—"To be faithful, even unto death." Ruby and Ida, Emmet and Edwards Leta, Corvine and Carl—he took them as one child to his bosom and loved them with a father's devotion.

Here is over the Hereafter is his, and instead of individualizing his faults I would rather think of my own weakness and many mistakes and leave Henry Moore in the hands of Our Father.

JIM COIL.

We take the liberty to add a few lines to the above:

The funeral took place at the family residence in the east part of town on yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the presence of a large number of grief-stricken relatives and friends. Eld. Jim Coil, assisted by Revs. Kerr and Bibb conducted the services. Burial at the Lick Creek Cemetery. The floral offering was large and beautiful.

In addition to the relatives in and around Perry there were present at the funeral C. C. Clendenin of Hannibal; Chas. Casper and wife, of Rush Hill; T. J. Gibson and wife, of Mexico; John Hanger and family, Ed. Atchison, wife and son, of Wesley Chapel neighborhood; Mrs. Tina Alkridge of Vandalia; John C. Moore, south of town; Sam Caldwell, of New London; Mrs. Sallie Fairbairn, Mrs. J. S. Henderson and Eugene Bishop, of Santa Fe.

WEST LICK.

Edd Ferris and J. H. Phillips delivered hogs to John Hobson Monday @ \$6.80 and \$7.00.

Mrs. G. W. Green entertained Mesdames S. P. Dubray and G. W. McIntyre, Tuesday.

G. W. McIntyre and family visited Joe Laird and family near Vandalia Sunday.

Rube Brown lost 2 head of fat steers valued at \$100 per head.

Edd Fraher, S. P. Dubray, Jack Brown, S. P. Beadle and Geo. Menefee attended the Dick Smith sale near Vandalia last Thursday.

R. P. Brown shipped cattle to St. Louis this week.

Uncle Sam has given out the grand total of the figures in the census count—he has over ninety-three million children.

Miss Bessie Barton, teaching in the Cauthorn district, gave a box supper and entertainment for the benefit of the school library recently and the proceeds amounted to \$50.

TWO BIRTHS.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fike, a son, Born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sansberry, a daughter.

Rev. H. I. Cobb says he "tied up the Deputy Sheriff," last week.

COUNTY COURT.

Bills Allowed—Petit Jurors Chosen.

The County Court held a two days' session last week, winding up the business of the present court. Grand jurors chosen, but names withheld from publication for the present. The following were chosen as petit jurors:

Saling Township: T. S. Lott and G. V. Proctor.

Wilson: R. C. Peck, F. Cleaton, V. H. Offut, W. Van Vactor.

Cuivre: M. M. Gooch, Z. T. Doyle, T. R. Hammett, J. M. Price, H. P. Middleton, R. A. Lake, Linn: Geo. Kellerhals, Robt. Dye.

Salt River: T. U. Stuart, Basil Price, Ed. O'Brien, W. D. Masor, J. T. Williams, E. E. Pierce.

Prairie: M. L. Travis, E. L. Crawford.

Loutre: J. W. Douglass, R. P. Crane.

The following accounts were allowed:

Pan-American Bridge Company, \$195.00

J. M. Yong, bridge work, 70.80

E. B. Brown, constable, 41.75

Courier, Centralia, printing, 2.00

R. S. McKinney, survey, 2.00

Vandalia Mail printing, 2.00

L. Kysar, bridge work, 57.50

Underwood & German, bridge work, 202.50

J. B. Woolery, deliver ballots, 20.00

Elliott-Fisher Co., Recorder, supplies, 7.28

Farber Forum, printing, 2.50

B. A. Powell, bridge supplies, 38.50

O. W. Hoffmeyer, bridge supplies, 21.60

B. Underwood, lumber, 5.55

G. E. Nowell, bridge supplies, 4.70

Clabe Key, bridge supplies, 12.80

J. S. Atkins, constable, 17.00

J. B. Woolery, court att., 18.00

Mexico Ledger, Collector supplies, 2.50

J. D. Miller, supplies, 3.17

Standard Printing Co., supplies, 3.75

Frank James, road work, 137.50

Otis Purdy, supplies, 6.25

F. W. Brand, supplies, 33.50

Homer Pickett, bridge supplies, 14.00

Wheeler Lumber Co., bridge supplies, 192.75

Y. G. Thomas, road work, 112.25

Coatsworth Lumber Co., bridge supplies, 133.21

Sid Garrett, lumber freight, 10.00

Hathaway Seed Co., supplies, 27.60

R. D. Worrel, supplies, 15.00

Intelligencer, supplies, .50

L. N. Bass, J. P. Blanks, G. W. Robertson, supplies, 12.67

Standard Printing Co., supplies, 1.09

Missouri Printing Co., supplies, 10.00

J. F. Llewellyn & Sons, supplies, 5.40

Buxton-Skinner, supplies, 12.90

L. T. Pasley, constable, 7.35

J. E. Clark, constable, 13.05

J. T. Asher, constable, 9.55

B. D. Barnes, lumber, 22.50

Ralls Co., treas., county line bridge, 162.50

LaCrosse Lumber Co., supplies, 32.50